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REMARKS

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1. On 25 February 1953, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Oschatz was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Three JS-3 tanks, 2 x 76.2-mm guns, 3 light mortars and 2 tanks were seen in the billeting area. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the billeting area.
2. On 25 February, the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Dresdener Strasse, 1 km east of the town, quartered about 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets or black-bordered crimson epaulets and included 20 uniformed women. Three 76.2-mm guns, and 6 armored personnel carriers were seen in the billeting area.
3. On 27 February 1953, the barracks installation Bonitzsch in Meissen, east of Highway No 101 and 5 km east of Meissen, was occupied by about 900 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. At about 10 a.m. on 23 February, 2 T-34 tanks, 3 T-34/85 tanks, 2 JS-3 tanks, 3 T-34 tanks without turret and jeep were detained in Weinboehla and subsequently marched to the barracks installation. Seven tanks and 5 trucks were unloaded in Weinboehla on 22 February, as was told by a local resident.

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4. Columns observed along the road from Weimar to the Nohra Fliegerhorst included:

22 February: 6 trucks each towing an AA gun of about 120-mm caliber.

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8 March: 6 trucks, each with an AT gun of 76-mm caliber.

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- [] 5. A troop train which passed through Elsterwerda toward Grossenhain-Dresden on 17 February consisted of 10 to 12 boxcars, 1 flatcar with side racks carrying tank T-34/85 [] and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 3 to 4 radio trucks, 3 to 4 field kitchen about 20 x 76-mm or 85-mm AA guns, and 20 x 37-mm AA guns. [] 25X1
- [] 6. A column of 12 trucks including 3 occupied by soldiers and about 40 jeeps including [] was identified on the Plessa-Elsterwerda road on 14 February 1953. 25X1
1. [] Comment. The 23d Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div stationed in the Fliegerhorst and the 8th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Tank Div in the Infanterie Kaserne are still carried at their post. [] There are no indications of the presence of the unidentified engineer battalion. 25X1
2. [] Comment. The 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div as well as the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div are carried in the Ponitzsch Kaserne. However, the motor vehicle [] and tank turret [] of the First Gds Mecz Army area fail to positively identify these regiments. 25X1
3. [] Comment. The motor vehicle [] the AAA unit belongs to the Eighth Gds Army and the AT artillery unit to the 20th Gds Mecz Div. AA guns of more than 85-mm have not been definitely observed in East Germany. 25X1
4. [] Comment. The troop train presumably carried a unit of the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Mecz Army. 25X1
5. [] Comment. [] the area of the Third Shock Army. Vehicle [] was hitherto observed in Schwerin.

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